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My dear Maharaja Saheb,

As promised by me to Your Highness, I venture to lay before you some information about the affairs of our late friend Narottamdas. I am sorry to say the Agent of H. H. the Maharaja of Gondal has taken charge of all the Pedder Rd properties as also the Sudama House and the Poona properties since 1st October last. Only the Juhu bungalow with 5000 sq: yds of land is given to the family. Narottam's mother and family are removing to Juhu on next Saturday i.e. 13th inst, as they have to vacate Shanti Bhuvan before the end of this month. I tried to gather some further details as regards future

from Shantikumar but regret to say could not get definite & satisfactory information. Personally I wonder how things can be carried on. I had been to see the respected old lady – Narottam's mother. I do feel greatly for her. She has specially asked me to write to your Highness and to convey to your Highness and Her Highness Dowager Maharanee Saheb, her respectful regards and her request that Your Highness' will continue towards her and family the same kindly feelings as hitherto. Speaking personally I confess that I have to write about Narottam's affairs with a very heavy heart, for I do feel the change in the situation after a connection of more than 40 years.

About the Sholapore Mills, I think the proposed scheme is being

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pushed forward. But I am afraid I can not say anything definite for as said above I could not get any definite information from Shantiksumar. I only wish things may turn out satisfactorily

Trusting this finds Your Highness in excellent health and with my respectful regards to Your Highness and to Her Highness the Dowager-Maharanee Sahib,

I remain
Your Highness'
Ever respectfully
N. V. Mandlik

His Highness
Maharaja Sahib of Mysore.
G. C. S. I.